As a Fresno County Supervisor, I have been privy to the pursuit of providing long distance by one of our region's largest employers, SBC Pacific Bell.

I am please that the long distance entry process is finally in the hands of the FCC especially because 23 other states have opened the door to long distance competition.

Over 141 million Americans are experiencing the benefit of a full, open telecommunications market by enjoying cost savings, increased customer service, and one-stopy shopping. Californians want and deserve these benefits too, and I urge your support of SBC Pacific Bell's application.

Sincerely,

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